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BOARD REFUSES ALL LEASE BIDS

School Land Board Members Do
Not Believe Time Is Ripe
to Produce More Oil.

Indicating as a proper attitude the school land department should take in as far as its power lies to restrict oil production under present circumstances, the board today in the last meeting of the present members rejected the bids of J. S. Bryan, James Brazil, E. F. Richards and H. S. Cone or two tracts in Lincoln County. The bids offered the usual 12½ per cent royalty with additional 10 per cent from each well producing 1,000 barrels for the first thirty days, or 20 per cent for each well producing 5,000 barrels for the first thirty days.

Time Not Ripe.

These tracts are in territory that while not entirely proven, the board members were impressed with the possibility of ultimate extensive production. Governor Cruse, as well as other members, thought that with oil cheap as it is now, and the apparent activity of producers to get as much production as possible under restrictions, that to encourage any additional production would not be to the state's interest. Consequently it would be better to wait. The bids were then rejected.

The bid of J. Paul Getty of Tulsa on one tract in Jefferson county which is near the end of Red river was accepted. This offers the 12½ per cent royalty with \$655 bonus and an additional bonus of \$500 if the production is 50 barrels or better a day.

No Reduction.

The board declined finally to grant any reduction in the royalty offered on the leases in the Cimarron river of Henry and Barrett, a matter that has been presented to the board for the past several months. A reduction of royalty to 25 per cent was asked.

The board has always suggested that the matter could be taken to the legislature by the lessees for relief and if the latter body saw fit to grant the relief, all right. The lessees had been executed on bids offered by the lessees and if they were not profitless to the lessees the board did not believe they had a cause to modify them. It is likely the matter will be taken up with the legislature.

Art is long, but spot cash is what the artist longs for.

Few women are dangerous — because they usually talk before they act.

LAY PLANS TO BALK USURERS

Socialists Will Demand That
Present Laws Against Usury
Be Enforced.

ADOPT CREEL'S DEFINITION

The State Socialist convention met in general session this morning after electing J. O. Welday as chairman of the day, proceeded to regular business.

Keen discussion centered around the debate on the matter of usurious interest alleged as being charged by the banks of the state, and the state executive committee was instructed to formulate plans for enforcing the usury law now on the statute books. It being admitted that the present law is adequate to control the matter to a large degree if enforced. Nearly every farmer delegate present related instances of usurious interest charged by the banks, the rate varying from 25 to 100 per cent.

Delegate W. W. Whelan of Harper county told of a plan now in operation in his county whereby banks charging an illegal rate of interest have been compelled to obey the law. This he says has been accomplished largely through the efforts of the Socialist county attorney elect of that county.

Will Publish Red Book.

The indication of the sentiment of the convention was that the recommendation of the legislative committee requiring a banker attaching mortgaged property to make affidavit that no usurious interest has been collected in connection with the deal would be adopted.

The convention went on record as favoring the publication of a "Red Book" containing a definition of Socialism and Socialist propaganda and a statement of John Kenneth Turner's analysis of the condition of the ten thousand farmers of the United States. The recommendation embraced the publication and distribution of 500,000 copies of the work.

It was voted that the eighteen word definition of Socialism given by H. C. Creel be adopted by the Socialists of Oklahoma and advocated as setting forth the doctrine of Socialism. The definition reads:

"Collective ownership and democratic management of things collectively used, and private ownership of things privately used."

To Show Slum Pictures.

As part of the plan for the campaign of the party, the recommendation of the party tactics committee was adopted regarding the conduct of encampments. The suggestion incorporated into the plans of the party reads:

"We recommend that the state secretary take charge of the encampments of the state, making as many districts or divisions of the state as he thinks necessary to locate each encampment by and with the consent of the locals concerned. Each encampment to be financed by the locals concerned."

It is claimed that at the encampment at Sulphur July 29, 30 and 31, 1914, at which Eugene V. Debs spoke, there was in attendance the largest crowd ever congregated in Oklahoma. At all the rallies hereafter pictures of the conditions in the slums in the cities, in the mines and various industries will be a part of the program.

The convention continued throughout the afternoon with the reports of the committees on constitution, party press and resolutions.

"I tell you," said Poole, "there is an indescribable sense of luxury in lying in bed and ringing one's bell for his valet."

"You've a valet?" asked Poole's friend.

"No, but I've got a bell."

Society Events

Harriet Dunn Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harrell will entertain at dinner Saturday evening for Governor Lee Cruce and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David McKinstry returned Sunday from Wichita, Kan., where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Katz will depart the first of the week for New York city.

Miss Marguerite Eekridge, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. McVey, has joined a house party at Pawhuska for the week end, being the guest of Miss Grace Cooke.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Jolly and family returned today from Tampa, Fla., where they removed a year ago. They will be welcomed back by many old friends.

The Mistleton club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Robert London of Capital Hill, additional guests being Minnie G. B. Stottle and Elsie M. Hughes. The afternoon was spent with needlework and the hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Lucille, in serving luncheon. Enjoyable music was given by Misses London and National Guard. The club will meet two weeks with Mrs. F. J. Woska Jr.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the holiday season was that of the Lotus club, which departed from its usual order and gave a dinner dance. Dinner was served at 7:30 o'clock at the Lee-Huckins from round tables adorned with scarlet carnations and orchestra music was given throughout the dinner. The members and a few invited friends were received by Misses and Minnes Daniel Hogan, Frank P. Johnson and B. O. Young. Following the dinner the members were taken to the Whitehead Academy where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan led the grand march, and the cotillion figure was led by Mr. and Mrs. Young. Favors of gold hatspins were given to the ladies. Seventy-five couples were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Short from Fort Riley, Mrs. Arthur Gibson from New York, and Mr. Neil Hallock from Chicago.

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